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REMARKS

1. [] while in the Sachsenhausen SS Kaserne and in the concentration camp, Bernauer Allee, Oranienburg (N 53/2 77), during the period from 13 to 19 August, observed four groups, each of 50 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia, marching from building No 150 to kitchen No 129 on 19 August. JS-tank [] and T-34 tank [] the adjoining area. Troops policed the yard in front of building No 149. On 18 August, buildings Nos 121, 123 and 125 were vacant and the windows boarded up. [] students attending a course on tanks there had completed the course and had departed on 16 August. On 18 August, the Dicke Villa referred to as building No 138, which had previously been vacant, was occupied by a guard detail of 12 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and allegedly commanded by one Lieutenant Colonel Bugachev (fnu). When Unit Markin fell in in front of low temporary buildings Nos 12 and 14 in the interior zone at 9 a.m. on 19 August, [] each of 100 men, and 20 officers standing in front of the groups. [] the unit had received student driver during the preceding days. On 15 August, 15 new [] trucks stood in front of low temporary building No 12 in billeting section 15. [] the troops were expected to return in September as the buildings in Camp Vogelsang would not be completed. *

2. [] soldiers had spread the rumor that Oranienburg would be vacated by the troops on 1 April 1953 and be reoccupied by Volkspolizei. The Soviet troops would be transferred to Zehdenick, Vogelsang and Bernau. Only some personnel of each branch of service were to stay in the old quarters as instructors.

3. During the period from 4 to 16 August, the Sachsenhausen SS Kaserne and the concentration camp quartered about 180 soldiers who were being trained as electricians, locksmiths, plumbers and welders to take over from the German craftsmen in the camps of the Templin troop training grounds and, probably, also in Oranienburg. A Soviet officer stated that 300 to 1,000 troops were to remain at the Templin troop training grounds as labor unit in the fall, while

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25X1 the other troops would return to Oranienburg where they would stay for only
 25X1 one more winter. A Soviet soldier stated that Colonel Skoroga (fnu) would go
 25X1 to Bernau instead of returning to Oranienburg. In mid-August, 15 new
 trucks, escorted by truck [redacted], drove into the SS Kaserne.

[redacted] 4. At 10:30 a.m. on 17 August, a unit of two companies launched an infantry attack
 25X1 toward the airfield from the direction of Germendorf. [redacted] the
 25X1 tank units would return to Sachsenhausen in the fall as the new barracks instal-
 25X1 lations in Camp Vogelsang would not be completed as scheduled. *

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25X1 * [redacted] Comment. The report indicates no changes in the SS Kaserne or in the
 concentration camp, Sachsenhausen, since previous information. [redacted]
 [redacted] Lieutenant Colonel Parkin (fnu),
 who had previously been reported, is believed to be the commanding officer
 or supply officer of the unidentified motor transport battalion of the 25th
 Tank Div. Colonel Skoroga (fnu) may also be commanding officer of supply
 officer of a unit of this division. The return of the units of the division
 in the fall of 1952 was previously mentioned. Contrary to the statement in
 paragraph 2, it was previously reported that only the Sachsenhausen concentra-
 tion camp would be occupied by Volkspolizei in the fall. [redacted]

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